

Park Information

- All parking lots have a \$2 fee payable at the yellow machine in the Visitor Center parking lot.
- Please look for signs noting the park closing time as it changes from month to month
- The trails are not suitable for an umbrella-type baby stroller: they have loose stones and sand.
- All dogs must be on a leash no more than 10 ft. long.



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Self-Guided Hikes for Adults & Older Children

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Balancing Rock on the Northwest Trail



Boot Hikes & Bike Hikes

Bike Around the Ponds

3 miles, about 30 minutes by bicycle

Lower and Upper Leach Ponds are both man-made ponds formed by damming Poquanticut Brook.

- Starting at the Visitor Center, turn left down the hill towards Leach Pond. Pass another road coming in from the right; continue downhill, turning left where the road forks, to an old stone building: The Lodge.
- Keeping the pond on your right, follow the carriage road to Upper Leach Pond, about $\frac{3}{4}$ mi.
- Turn right, ford the stream or cross the bridge. Pass the Bird Blind on your right. Pass a sandy hill topped with a big rock on your left: the turtle nesting area. Continue, keeping Upper Leach Pond on your left. Go up a hill into the beech woods, pass benches on your left.
- Continue along the causeway, enter a pine woods. At the fork go left up a steep hill, to Pud's Pond.
- Turn right at Pud's Pond, ride through the open fields to the Smith Farmhouse.
- Turn right onto Bay Road and pass the front of the farmhouse. Continue between two wood fences to Lily Bay. Continue past Lily Bay, past several foot trails, cross a bridge, pass a disc golf field.
- Ride up a steep gravelly hill to the mansion, turn right to the picnic area, continue to the Visitor Center.

Shady Way to Lily Bay

1½ mile, 1 hour (NO BIKES ALLOWED!)

Lily Bay is a very shallow inlet teeming with water lilies, painted turtles and birds.

- Starting at the Visitor Center, turn left down the hill towards Leach Pond. Pass another road coming in from the right; continue downhill, turning right at the fork to the stone bench near Lower Leach dam.
- Turn right and go a few yards to the bridge, cross it and continue on the Pond Edge Trail, keeping Lower Leach Pond on your left. Pass the Swamp Trail and the Quiet Woods Trail.
- The Pond Edge Trail ends at Bay Road carriage road at the edge of Lily Bay. Enjoy the view from the bench on the left.
- Turn right onto the carriage road. Pass the Rockland Trail, the Quiet Woods Trail, the Swamp Trail.
- Cross the bridge and keep right on the carriage road.
- Turn right into the disc golf field, and keep to the left side of the field near the woods.
- Turn left onto the Boulder Trail leading into the woods. Follow it a few yards uphill to the Ames Boulder.
- Continue uphill through the woods to the open field at Tee 18.
- Cross the field to the bench under the shagbark hickory tree.
- Turn right, keeping the picnic area on your left, and follow the road back to the Visitor Center.

Westward Ho!

3 miles, about 2 hours (mountain bikes okay)

The Northwest Trail passes within sight of a picturesque little pond isolated from the main part of the park.

- Starting at the Visitor Center, turn right to the start of the West Side Trail.
- Follow the West Side Trail to its junction with the French Trail. Turn left onto the French Trail.
- Follow the French Trail to its junction with the Northwest Trail. Turn left onto the Northwest Trail.
- Follow the Northwest Trail, keeping left past the Split Rock Trail, past the Ridge Trail, past the NEMBA Trail.
- The trail goes downhill via switchbacks to end at Massapoag Avenue near Mansfield Street.
- Return by backtracking, following the Northwest Trail.
- Detour at the Split Rock Trail to see Split Rock, and then return to the Northwest Trail.
- Continue on the Northwest Trail to its end at the Pond Walk carriage road.
- Turn right onto the road, keeping Lower Leach Pond on your left. Follow the carriage road to the Lodge.
- Follow the carriage road uphill behind the Lodge, and continue uphill to the Visitor Center.